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On page 5, line 23 to page 6, line 11, rewrite the paragraph thereat as follows:

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"The illustrated filter element therefore can be manufactured in the manner disclosed in the French Patent Document 2,554,799 A which is explicitly referred to herewith for all details relating to the manufacture of this filter element. In summary, however, this procedure involves winding the paper strip around a conical or cylindrical bar of which the cross-section is circular, polygonal or other, or at least the cross-sections of the bar exhibit edges which run approximately parallel to the winding axis or subtend a simple or complex helix around the axis, the paper being folded at these edges. A compression roller is applied against the outside of the winding in progress and allows especially compact winding, and, when this winding bar exhibits edges in its cross-section, the compression roller neatly folds the paper where it makes contact with the edges."

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 24 without prejudice.

Amend claim 13 as follows:

B<sup>3</sup> C<sup>2</sup>

13. (Amended) A filter element for filtering a fluid in a filter system comprising a cylindrical case, said filter element comprising an absorbent tissue paper material in sheet form compactly wound to form inner winding turns